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Manassas National Battlefield Park  
Prince William County  
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Owner: National Park Service (U. S. Government)

Date of Erection: Early 19th Century, probably in connection with the Alexandria-Warrenton Turnpike.

Architect: Unknown

Present Condition: Best preserved and most conspicuous landmark in the Park.

Additional Notes: This structure of reddish brown native stone is located on the north side of Lee Highway, near its junction with the Manassas-Sudley Road. Two and a half stories with inside end chimneys and gable roof it is strikingly reminiscent of buildings still standing alongside the Alexandria-Leesburg Pike.

The Stone House is a sturdy structure of pleasing proportions, practically devoid of interior trim. The kitchen appears to have been located in the basement and an original stair seems to have descended to this area. The present stair is probably a replacement of the post Civil War period.

During the Civil War the house was twice engulfed in battle, serving alternately as hospital for the wounded of each side. Shells are still to be seen embedded in the walls.

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Subsequent to hostilities the building was operated for a while as a tavern, becoming later a farm house before acquisition by the National Park Service.

Reference: Manassas (Bull Run) Handbook (No. 15) A full length historic site report is in preparation by the Park.

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